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Sara's Law Passes State Assembly with Bipartisan Support

Bill that honors Marathon County attorney receives floor vote

MADISON... Today, the Wisconsin State Assembly passed Assembly Bill 825, commonly referred to as Sara's Law. Representative Patrick Snyder (Schofield), author of the proposal, released the following statement after the vote:

"The action taken today is a significant step in ensuring individuals like Sara are provided with the necessary protections to make them feel safe in the workplace," said Snyder. "Although this cannot reverse the tragedy that unfolded last March, it will hopefully prevent an awful situation like this occurring in the future."

Sara's Law makes it a Class H felony to intentionally cause bodily harm or threaten to cause bodily harm to a guardian ad litem, corporation counsel, or an attorney when they are acting in their official capacity in proceedings relating to family law. Similar protections are in place for judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers.

"I want to thank the members of Wausau Metro Strong for bringing the need for this proposal to my attention," said Snyder. "The advocacy and work they are doing on behalf of our community is truly admirable and I'm proud to support their efforts at the state level."

Sara's Law passed the Assembly with bipartisan support. The bill now heads to the state Senate for their consideration. Following passage in the Senate, the bill will go before the Governor to be signed into law.